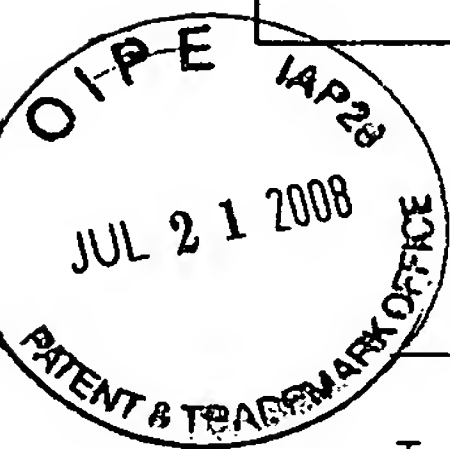


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In response to the official action mailed March 6, 2008, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.